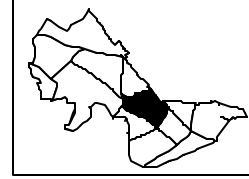


NEIGHBORHOOD 6

MID-CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street, the Somerville border, Kirkland Street, Quincy Street, and Cambridge Street

POPULATION: 13,006 residents
5,989 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,075

Neighborhood #6 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers) and 6R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 6A, 6B, and 6C.

2001 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

For a neighborhood with the highest population and with the city's only public high school, crime is fairly low, although it is still higher than average for many crimes. • The 200-300 block of Harvard Street reported twenty-eight **housebreaks** in the third quarter of 2001, which is a 40% increase from the second quarter. One apartment building reported two incidents that occurred sometime overnight on 9/22. Entrance was gained via a rear porch door and targeted items included such high-end electronics such as laptops, DVD players, as well as jewelry and cash. • Although there were no apparent trends, **auto theft** increased by 13%. Most activity occurred during the late week into the weekend. • Accordingly, **larcenies from MVs** increased as well, including 10 larcenies that occurred in June, the most any month has seen. 10 incidents occurred via an unlocked door, while other means of gaining entry were by breaking a window and picking the door lock. The 200-300 blocks of Harvard Street reported the most problems. • **Malicious destruction** centers on aborted breaks into cars and various anger-motivated attacks. However, also included in this total are several graffiti incident, accounting for 21 of the 82 incidents. The Cambridge Rindge & Latin School reported three incidents of graffiti. • The most successful **drug arrest** resulted from a cooperation between Cambridge Police and the Massachusetts State Police. A series of undercover investigations were executed in Inman Square, resulting in the arrests of 7 individuals.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2000 & 2001

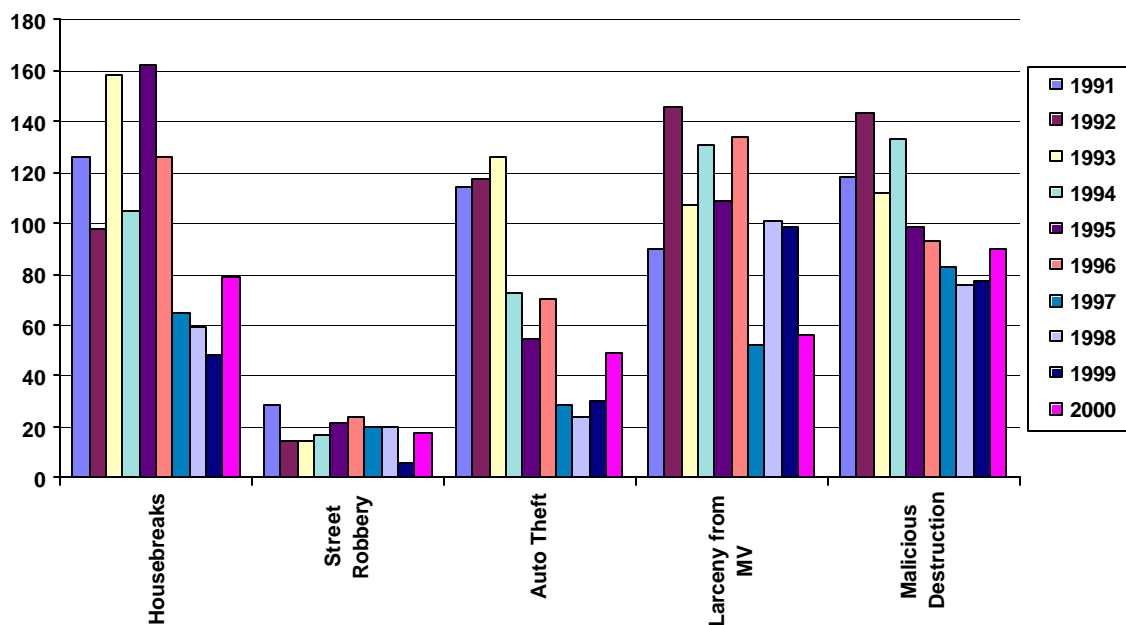
CRIME	3rd Q 2000	3rd Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	55	81	+47%
Street Robbery	12	13	+8%
Auto Theft	30	34	+13%
Larceny from MVs	47	65	+38%
Malicious Destruction	69	82	+19%
Drug Arrests	12	14	+17%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Mid-Cambridge is a busy neighborhood. In addition to the highest population of any neighborhood in Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge also has the city's largest high school (Cambridge Rindge & Latin), the Jackson Gardens residential complex, a good portion of Harvard University, and our own City Hall. It is bordered by the major thoroughways of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners.

Because of the enormous number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher than average rate for several crimes. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the western part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- **Residential Burglary** is naturally highest in a neighborhood with the largest number of residences. Though the rate of this crime has been cut in half since the 1980s, it still remains a serious problem. In 1992, burglaries fell below 100 for the first and only time in the previous 30 years. The largest clusters appear on Harvard Street between Prospect and Lee Streets, on Broadway between Lee and Ellery Streets, around the Massachusetts Avenue/Hancock Street intersection, on the lower half of Trowbridge Street, and on Lee Street. Mid-Cambridge also ranks high in **Larceny from motor vehicles** and the related crimes of **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**. The Cambridge Police Department strives to reduce both crimes through preventive patrol efforts, "Park and Walks," and priority investigation. Its 50 percent drop since the 1980s bespeaks some success.
- **Street robbery** is surprisingly low in Mid-Cambridge given its population. Most of the incidents that do occur happen on Massachusetts Avenue, on Cambridge Street, and in Inman Square.
- The high amount of pedestrian traffic on Massachusetts Avenue leads to a large number of **bicycle thefts** each year, particularly in or near Harvard Square.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	226	1	103	1	1
Street Robbery	49	3	18	5	5
Auto Theft	147	4	70	3	4
Larceny from MVs	198	1	106	2	5
Malicious Destruction	149	1	106	5	5